## SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS

## 2023

**Transportation Operators** (to Include Motor Coaches, Buses, Taxis, Limousines, Vans, and

Passenger Vehicles); **Tour Operators**; **Shore Excursions**, **Limousine/Van/Taxi Tour Operators, Step-on-Guides**

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Initial each numbered item. By initialing each item, you, your employees, representatives, or subordinate operating entities (CUA Holder) agree to the authorization conditions while operating in Acadia National Park.

**CUA Holder by reference includes their employees, their representatives, or subordinate operating entities.**

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1.\_\_\_\_ Please check the following website for the latest COVID-19 Updates:

[NPS Public Health Update (U.S. National Park Service)](https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/public-health-update.htm)

**Section A. Vehicles with Capacities Greater Than 15 Passengers**

1.\_\_\_\_\_ **Height Restrictions:** Plan your route carefully. Many park roads feature historic bridges constructed with lower than conventional clearances. The shortest underpass on the One-Way Section of the Park Loop Road is 11 feet 8 inches (3.56m). Any vehicle exceeding 11 feet 8 inches tall must exit the One-Way section of the Park Loop Road using Otter Cliff Road at the Fabbri Picnic Area.

**If damage to a bridge overpass occurs, the driver will be cited, and the Park will seek restitution.**

2.\_\_\_\_\_**Authorized Park Entrances to the Park Loop Road include:**

1. Hulls Cove Entrance off State Route (SR) 3
2. Cadillac Mountain Entrance off SR 233
3. Sieur de Monts Entrance off SR 3

**3.\_\_\_\_\_Unauthorized Access to the Park Loop Road includes:**

1. Kebo Street
2. Great Meadow Road
3. Schooner Head Road
4. West Street Extension

**4.\_\_\_\_\_ Unpaved Roads:** Vehicle travel on unpaved surfaces is prohibited with the exception of the gravel

access road (Stable Lane) to Wildwood Stables.

5.\_\_\_\_\_ **Loading and Unloading of Passengers and Bus/Motor Coach Parking**

1. Loading and unloading of passengers is authorized only in the locations listed below:
   * 1. Chambers of Commerce - Island Information Center at Thompson Island designated bus parking
     2. Hulls Cove Visitor Center designated bus parking
     3. Sieur de Monts designated bus parking
     4. Parking at the designated bus space just before Sand Beach is authorized
     5. Thunder Hole designated bus parking spaces on the One-Way section of the Park Loop Road
     6. Fabbri Picnic Area designated bus parking space
     7. Fabbri Memorial pull-out
     8. Otter Cove Causeway; Right Lane of Park Loop Road
     9. The paved pull-outs between Otter Cove and Wildwood Stables
     10. Wildwood Stables
     11. Jordan Pond House Restaurant and Gift Shop bus parking area
     12. Cadillac Summit designated bus area zones
     13. Buses/Motor Coaches are prohibited in the Sand Beach parking lot
2. Motor Coaches/Buses must park in designated bus parking zones
3. Parking is prohibited in spaces designated for the Island Explorer Bus Stops.
4. Parking at Sieur De Mont is only authorized at designated spaces for oversized/bus vehicles. If there are no oversized vehicle spaces, the driver is required to vacate the Sieur De Mont parking lot and cannot impede vehicle movement or pedestrians.

**6.\_\_\_\_\_ A Temporary Stop without loading and unloading of passengers is authorized at these**

**locations:**

1. The right lane of the One-Way section of the Park Loop Road between the Bear Brook Picnic Area and the Stanley Brook Road, unless otherwise posted.
2. Paved Pull-Outs.

7.\_\_\_\_\_ **Unattended Vehicles:** Drivers are required to remain with their vehicles at all times.

8.\_\_\_\_\_ **Transportation Operators,** including Tour operators, are authorized to operate only a total of 2 bussesat a **single** location and at the **same** time. When a mix of vehicle types are being used no more than 2 busses and 1 additional vehicle that fits in a standard parking space are permitted at the same time and at the same location. The Cadillac Summit Road and Cadillac Summit Parking Area are managed as a single location.

9.**\_\_\_\_Jordan Pond House Restaurant and Gift Shop Parking Lot**

1. There are only three (3) designated bus parking spaces
2. Loading, unloading, and parking are only authorized in the three designated bus parking spaces
3. No More than One (1) bus/motor coach, associated with a single tour operator, can be parked at this location at any one time.
4. Parking is prohibited in the Island designated Explorer designated Bus Stop.
5. If there is no designated bus parking available, the Bus/Motorcoach operator is required to exit back to the Park Loop Road and is not authorized to stop and unload passengers as this will impede vehicle movement) and could endanger pedestrian safety.
6. Bus parking at Jordan Pond House Restaurant and Gift Shop is limited to thirty (30) minutes unless a restaurant reservation has been made.

10.\_\_\_\_**Wildwood Stables**

* 1. Parking is prohibited in the Island Explorer designated bus stop.

11\_\_\_**Restrooms:** If a restroom is on the vehicle (bus, motor coach, limousine, etc.) it must be open and

available to passengers including the driver and step on guide.

**Section B. Vehicles with Capacities Less Than 15 Passengers**

* + 1. \_\_\_\_\_**Authorized Park Entrances to the Park Loop Road:**

1. Hulls Cove Entrance off State Route (SR) 3
2. Cadillac Mountain Entrance off (SR) 233
3. Sieur de Monts Entrance off (SR) 3
4. Stanley Brook Entrance
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_**Authorized Access to the Park Loop Road includes:**
6. Kebo Street
7. Great Meadow Road
8. Schooner Head Road
9. West Street Extension
10. Otter Cliff Road
11. **\_\_\_\_\_ Transportation Operators,** including Tour operators, are restricted to a total of **3 vehicles** at a single location and at the same time while operating in Acadia National Park. In addition, the following applies:
12. The Cadillac Summit Road, Blue Hill Overlook Parking Area, and Cadillac Summit Parking Area are managed as a single location.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ **Loading and Unloading:** 
    1. Authorized in designated parking spaces
    2. Prohibited in the designated Island Explorer Bus Stop
    3. Prohibited in bus parking areas
    4. Prohibited on shoulder roadways
14. \_\_\_\_\_**Island Explorer Bus Stop**: No vehicle is authorized to park in the designated stop for the Island

Explorer

1. \_\_\_\_\_**Designated Bus Zones/Spaces**: No vehicle is authorized to park in designated bus parking

zones/spaces

1. **\_\_\_\_\_A Temporary Stop:** A temporary stopwithout loading and unloading of passengers is authorized at these locations:
   1. The right lane of the Park Loop Road between Bear Brook Picnic Area and the Stanley Brook Road, unless otherwise posted.
   2. Paved Pull Outs
2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_Trailers** are prohibited on dead end roads located within the park.
3. **\_\_\_\_\_ Unpaved Roads:** Vehicle travel on unpaved surfaces is prohibited with the exception of the

gravel access road (Stable Lane) to Wildwood Stables.

**Section C: Schoodic District Special Park Conditions**

1.\_\_\_\_\_ **Motor vehicles** are **restricted** to vehicles with a capacity of 15 passengers or less unless the groups are

(1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff

at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with

National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center

(SERC) campus.

2.\_\_\_\_\_**Motor vehicles** with the capacity of 15 passengers or less are authorized to load and unload participants,

guides, and equipment at Frazer Point and Schoodic Woods Day Use Area except in an emergency

situation other locations may be authorized.

3.\_\_\_\_\_**Motor vehicles** must park in designated parking spaces. No right lane parking is authorized. No

parking, loading, or unloading in the Island Explorer Designated Bus Stops/Spaces is authorized.

4.\_\_\_\_ **Group size** is limited to 15 participants including the guide(s) unless the groups are participating in pre-

arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic

Education and Research Center (SERC) campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service

staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus.

Additional restrictions may apply for group size in excess of 15 participants including the guides.

5.\_\_\_\_\_**Staging** location for the Schoodic District of Acadia NP is the Schoodic Day Use Parking lot.

6.\_\_\_\_\_**Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC):** Commercial Use Activity is prohibited from **SERC**

campus unless the commercial use activity (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National

Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with

National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus.

7.\_\_\_\_\_**Frazer Point Dock** cannot be used for commercial use activity.

8.\_\_\_\_\_ **Trailers:**

* 1. Trailers are permitted only at the Schoodic Woods Day Use area.
  2. **An exception:**  Trailers are authorized to travel on Schoodic District Loop Road beyond Frazer Point for the purpose of transport to the SERC Campus if the commercial use activity is (1) participating in pre-arranged programs with the National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus or (2) sponsored programs with National Park Service staff or Schoodic Institute staff at the SERC campus. SERC is the only area for unloading, loading, and parking of a trailer when the commercial use activity meets the condition of the exception.

9.\_\_\_\_\_**All islands** are closed to commercial use activity to include, Little Moose Island, Rolling Island, Schoodic

Island, West Pond Island, Sargeant Island, and Isle of Or.

10.\_\_\_\_**Raven’s Nest** is closed to commercial use activity.

11.\_\_\_\_All **financial transactions** conducted under this CUA shall begin and end outside the Schoodic

District.

12.\_\_\_\_ All **park entrance** and **commercial tour fees** apply and are available for purchase at the Schoodic

Woods Campground Ranger Station from the Wednesday before Memorial Day through Indigenous People’s Day in October.

**Section D: Additional Special Park Conditions for All Activities Conducted under this CUA**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Be Prepared:** The CUA Holder is required to show the complete and fully executed CUA while

operating within Acadia National Park.

1. \_\_\_\_\_A **Time Entry Vehicle Reservation** to access **Cadillac Summit Road** is required between mid-May to mid-October. Please visit the following web site for information:

[Cadillac Summit Road Vehicle Reservations for Commercial Use Authorization Holders - Acadia National Park (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)](https://www.nps.gov/acad/getinvolved/vrs-cua.htm)

1. \_\_\_\_ **Vehicles** must be identifiable as a vehicle for hire with the company logo and contact information

prominently displayed.

1. \_\_\_\_CUA Holder including the operator of the vehicle is responsible for knowing and adhering to park

regulations. Please visit the following websites at:

[Superintendent's Compendium - Acadia National Park (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)](https://www.nps.gov/acad/learn/management/sc.htm)

[36 CFR § 5.3 - Business operations. | CFR | US Law | LII / Legal Information Institute (cornell.edu)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/36/5.3)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_This CUA is only applicable for the activity and use of the area(s) and terms designated in the

CUA.

6.\_\_\_\_\_\_**Itineraries:**  The CUA Holder is required to submit a trip itinerary, including dates, times, locations, and routes to the Acadia National Park Commercial Use Program Coordinator. Any changes to the itinerary must be submitted at least seven (7) dates prior to the proposed trip.

Send itinerary to: [acad\_cua\_program@nps.gov](about:blank)

1. \_\_\_\_**Park Entrance Fees** are Required to Enter Acadia National Park.

* 1. All operators must obtain the Park entrance pass.
  2. Fees can be paid at (1) Sand Beach Entrance Station and (2) at the Hulls Cove Visitor Center; for dates and hours of operations please check the following website:

[https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/hours.htm](file:///\\inpacad-hq03\Division%20Folders\Administration\Business_CUAs\WASO%20forms%20and%20information\2018\Authorization\Art_Photo\Hours%20and%20Dates)

* 1. For Commercial Tours the Commercial Tour Fee Schedule applies and is based on the capacity of the vehicle:

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| Sedan | 1-6 Capacity | $25 |
| Van | 7-15 Capacity | $50 |
| Mini-Bus | 16-25 Capacity | $60 |
| Bus/Motorcoach | 26+ Capacity | $150 |

Please visit the following website: [Do Business With Us - Acadia National Park (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)](https://www.nps.gov/acad/getinvolved/dobusinesswithus.htm)

* 1. For Transportation Providers Non-Commercial Tours please visit - [Fees & Passes - Acadia National Park (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov)](https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/fees.htm)
  2. The fee to enter the park is valid for entrance for one group only. In the event of any change to the tour manifest (i.e., the same bus with a different set of passengers), a new fee to enter the park must be paid.
  3. Vehicle Entrance Pass Hang Tags must be displayed at all times while traveling in the park.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Wetlands:** Commercial Use Authorization Holders are prohibited from leading tours or permitting their passengers to enter all freshwater wetlands.
2. \_\_\_\_\_**Wildlife:**  Observe wildlife from a distance; viewing of wildlife with an artificial light or using wildlife vocalization is prohibited; Disturbing or feeding wildlife is prohibited.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Collecting** natural or cultural objects is prohibited.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Trails:** Stay on designated trails, Step on durable rock surfaces; Look up for blazes and cairns that

mark the trail; Take breaks on durable rock surfaces that accommodate your entire group; to add or build cairns or other rock objects is prohibited.

1. **\_\_\_\_\_**Transportation Operators/Tour Operators are **not authorized** to **Impede Traffic**.
2. **\_\_\_\_\_Parking:** Parking is authorized in designated paved parking spaces or designated bus parking area

zones.

1. **\_\_\_\_\_Acknowledgement**: Facilities including restrooms located in the park may not be open and available

to the public during winter and shoulder seasons. Please check the ACAD

website for details: <https://www.nps.gov/acad/planyourvisit/hours.htm>; or

follow acadianps on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/AcadiaNPS>

<https://twitter.com/acadianps>

<https://www.instagram.com/acadianps/>

**15**.**\_\_\_\_\_\_Provision of Services**: Only the CUA Holder registered under this CUA is authorized to provide services specified in this CUA. The CUA Holder shall not subcontract or otherwise allow outside entities and/or non-registered employees to provide any services under the auspices of this CUA. The CUA Holder registered under this CUA shall not provide any services other than those specified within the Specific Conditions of this CUA unless specifically authorized by prior written agreement and approval by the National Park Service (NPS).

16.\_\_\_\_ CUA Holder shall provide necessary first aid supplies appropriate for the activity and size of the group.

A first aid kit is required to be available and adequate for responding to minor injury situations and

insect stings. Refer also to CUA Application Form, Attachment B – List of Approved Service,

Additionally Required Documentation and Fee Information

17.\_\_\_\_\_This CUA does not guarantee, reserve, or otherwise give preference for parking and no vehicles used

in conjunction with activities authorized by this CUA shall be driven or temporarily left in any areas not

authorized for motor vehicle travel. Oversized vehicle and trailer parking are limited.

18**.\_\_\_\_\_** **Engine Idling, Stopping, and Safety**:

1. Engine idling is prohibited throughout the park; vehicle engines must be turned off when parked.
2. Stopping or parking in an area that creates an impediment to vehicle movement or endangers pedestrian safety is prohibited.
3. In accordance with Maine state law motorists must give at least 3 feet (0.9 m) clearance when passing cyclists and pedestrians.
4. Yield to pedestrians, cyclists, and horses at crosswalks.
5. Obey all posted speed limits
6. Unless an emergency, there is absolutely no stopping allowed in the Left Lane of either the one-way or two-way sections of the Park Loop Road.

19.\_\_\_\_\_ **Violations:**

* 1. Traffic violations shall be written to the driver
  2. Non-traffic violations of this CUA will be written to the CUA holder
  3. Three violations within the year of this authorization by the CUA Holder, their employees, representatives, or operating entities may result in revocation of this CUA or additional monitoring at the CUA holders’ expense.

20.\_\_\_\_\_ This CUA does not guarantee, reserve, or otherwise give preference for parking and is subject to

park closures.

21.**\_\_\_\_\_\_**Tour routes, tour frequency, and other operational matters are subject to review and revision as

circumstances arise. This Authorization is subject to change per National Park Service discretion.

22.\_\_\_\_\_ All financial transactions conducted under this CUA shall begin and end outside of Acadia National

Park.

23.\_\_\_\_\_ Marketing/Publicity: The CUA Holder shall not publicize, or otherwise circulate, promotional material

(such as advertisements, sales brochures, press releases, speeches, still and

motion pictures, articles, manuscripts or other publications, or social media

outlets) which state or imply United States Governmental, Departmental,

Bureau, or United States Government employee endorsement of a product,

service, or position which the CUA Holder represents.

No release of information relating to this authorization shall state or imply that

the United States Government approves of the CUA Holder’s work product or

considers the CUA Holder’s work to be superior to other products, or services.

24.\_\_\_\_ **The 2023 Annual Survey Report 10-660** must be completed after the authorized CUA Holder’s 2023

operating season and prior to **December 31, 2023.**

Download the form from the park website: [**https://www.nps.gov/acad/getinvolved/dobusinesswithus.htm**](https://www.nps.gov/acad/getinvolved/dobusinesswithus.htm)